

ery. "It isn't too late to save you. We know just how to get you out of the cage—we'll show you and we'll help you."

But the little mouse, though he had only a few crumbs to eat that day still thought it was better to stay where he was because he knew he would get something to eat sometimes, and foraging for himself was more risky.

And so the wise mice grew discouraged and let him alone. And each day he grew more weak. He hadn't any pleasure, he hadn't any exercise and he was only fed occasionally. But no matter how weak he was, everytime his human master stuck a stick in the cage he had to run and run until he wobbled from side to side—and that made his master laugh.

But one day he couldn't wobble any more. He was starved, not only starved in his body, but in his mind, and he was so terribly hopeless. How he yearned with all of his little heart for the strong mice to come and set him free, but you see he had convinced them he did not want to be set free, and so they left him alone.

"Run, darn you, run," his little human master cried, as he pushed the stick through the cage. But the little mouse couldn't run any more. He just crouched against the cage, and he asked so piteously with his little sunken eyes: "Please give me something to eat. I have run and amused you until I haven't any more strength, and you have neglected me, you have forgotten to feed me—you never cared whether I ate or not so long as I ran when you told me to. Please be merciful."

And the human master said: "If you can't run any more, you can starve to death."

Yes, the little mouse starved to death.

And the MORAL? A young fellow got up in a meeting of clerks on Milwaukee avenue last night and said he didn't believe in organiza-

tion, and he was proud of working for a millionaire slave owner who pays him a pittance, just enough for three starvation meals a day, and who pokes him with a stick to keep him running.

TAXATION SYSTEM TO BLAME

By Gilson Gardner.

How to check the exodus of the American farmers from the Mississippi valley and the Pacific coast to Canada is a problem which is demanding the serious attention of immigration authorities in Washington. The root of the trouble appears to lie in the taxation system. Canada imposes less burdensome taxes on improvements while in the United States the settler is penalized for developing and improving the land. The remedy will no doubt be found in the untaxing of improvements as is done by Tax Commissioner J. J. Pastorizo in Texas and the Minnesota Tax Commission in the Northwest. These are following the example of the Canadian government and the authorities in British Columbia.

CHOCOLATE CAKES

Beat three eggs till light. Cream a quarter of a cup of butter, add half a cup of sugar. Combine the mixtures. Then add three squares of chocolate, melted. Put in a cup of stale bread crumbs and three tablespoons of flour. Spread the mixture in a shallow buttered pan and bake in a slow oven. Shape with a small biscuit cutter and put together in pairs with any good frosting or cream filling between and on top.

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Teach your child to stand well. In all probability he will then breathe well. His lungs will have room to grow. The organs of his body will be able to retain their natural position. Posture is a decided aid in digestion.